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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7070**

**BILL NUMBER: HB 1519**

**DATE PREPARED:** Jan 3, 1999

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Tuition exemption.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
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                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill provides that for purposes of the tuition exemption at state educational institutions provided to the surviving spouse or children of a public safety officer killed in the line of duty, the term "other required fees" includes room and board expenses. It also appropriates to each state educational institution annually from the state General Fund an amount sufficient to provide the tuition exemption.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 1999.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** Based on a survey of institutions of higher education, it appears that less than 10 students are enrolled on Indiana's campuses who are either children or spouses of public safety officers who were killed in the line of duty. Based on the average room and board fee of \$4,500, the cost of a traditional two occupant dormitory room with 20 to 21 meals per week, the additional cost would be \$45,000 per year.

Under current law, room and board fees are paid into an auxiliary account separate from the General Operating Budget. All costs related to residence halls are paid from this account. Because this bill will create an appropriation from the State General Fund to pay for these added expenditures, passage of this bill would not affect this auxiliary account and not change the amounts that are paid by other students.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** State Universities.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** State Universities.